

January 5-11, 2015 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Over the past week we have had a strong Canadian front that has moved into the region and has brought a large quantity of new birds. With temps starting out below freezing today and projected to be below freezing for the next few days, birds are grouped up in large numbers on deeper water areas.

Please use caution while on the water.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	104,700 ducks 6200 WFG 525 CG	89% mallard, 4% gadwall, and 4% Ring-necks.	Ice on most shallow water areas.
Barren River Lake	2800	75% Dabbling Ducks (75% Mallard and 15% Black duck) 25% Divers (70%Ring-necked duck and 25% Scaup)	All ponds iced over and half the lake, about 250 SHCs feeding in the Lucas area, mallards at Calvert Springs MSU
Birdsville Island	No count		35 ac. late planted corn considered only fair.
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No count		Ag crops impacted by deer and Canada goose depredation. Natural moist soil vegetation excellent and will meet resource needs.
Boatwright WMA	36,000 ducks	95% mallard remainder a mix of dabblers and a few divers.	Ice on most shallow water areas.
Doug Travis WMA	5,500 ducks	90% mallard, 55 ring-necks, 5% mixed dabblers	
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	4,030 ducks 237 CG 1 American Coot	80% mallard, 565 divers	All shallow water frozen.
Sloughs WMA	9,385 ducks 750 CG geese 8,700 W-F geese 3000 Snow geese 97 Tundra Swans	85% mallard, 15% Gadwall, minor numbers of other dabblers	Consequently, the majority of moist-soil units, stagnant sloughs, and crop-field sheetwater are already frozen, and will remain so in the near future. However, rains received within the past 3 days have caused water levels within the Pond Creek wetlands

			complex to rise, which has flooded new grounds and kept many areas adjacent to Pond Creek ice-free. The majority of waterfowl on the WMA were concentrated in these areas.
Yellowbank WMA	1245 ducks	90% mallard, black duck, gadwall, ring-necked duck	All units are covered with ice
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No Count		
Herrington Lake	No Count		
Taylorsville Lake	No Count		.
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		
Cave Run Lake	No Count		